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SUBJECT: INTERPRETATION OF US-ROKG NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

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1. REPORT REQUESTED REF A SENT JULY 1 IN REF B, PARA
FIVE AND SIX.

2. AS EMBASSY REPORTING OVER PAST YEAR TESTIFIES,
EMBASSY ALSO ASCRIBES IMPORTANCE TO NUCLEAR REPROCESSING
ISSUE AND POSITIVE ROK RESPONSE TO USG INTERPRETATION
OF BILATERAL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT.

3. I PERSONALLY DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH MINISTER OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CHOE THE DAY HE RETURNED FROM
CONFERENCE IN U.S., AS WELL AS WITH FONMIN AND DEPUTY
VICE MINISTER KIM DONG WHIE, WHO DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE
IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. I HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY EACH OF
THEM THAT THERE IS NO REPEAT NO DISAGREEMENT WITH USG
INTERPRETATION, BUT THAT BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS TAKES
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TIME. AS NOTED REF B, PARA. FIVE, I HAVE POINTED

OUT URGENCY OF ISSUE TO CHOE, AS WELL AS TO FONMIN.
THIS IS NO ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE THAT WE WILL GET POSITIVE
RESPONSE, BUT SENIOR ROKG OFFICIALS CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND
HIGH STAKES INVOLVED AND URGENCY OF ACTION.

4. I HAD ASSUMED THAT DEPARTMENT DID NOT WISH DAILY,
BLOW BY BLOW ACCOUNT, BUT RATHER POSITIVE RESULTS.
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